There's a new store in Red House

Red House, Va., has a new general store.

The Windy Ridge Market, at the Red House crossroads, opened four weeks ago and is almost completely remodeled. It is a first-time business venture for its managers, John D. Barksdale and Bill Austin.

Barksdale, 23 and Austin, 25, plan to take the pre-Civil-War building and transform it into a market "with modern merchandising equipment to provide customer convenience, without losing the atmosphere of the country store," according to Barksdale.

John, a graduate of Randolph Henry High School with a degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, is a flying enthusiast who has recently built a 2000-foot air strip (Red House International, he says in jest) near his home. He is a member of the New London Civil Air Patrol.

"I'd eventually like to have a radio in the store so I can talk to my buddies flying by," says Barksdale.

Bill, a 1973 graduate of Appomattox High School who attended Central Virginia Community College for two years, is a Ruritan Club member as well as secretary-treasurer of the Red House Fire Department. He enjoys golf and softball. Austin says he likes working in the market because he likes meeting the customers.

JOHN BARKSDALE, (RIGHT) AND BILL AUSTIN (CENTER) wait on Jim Cobb of Appomattox, in their new business venture, the Windy Ridge Market in Red House. One of the oldest buildings in the area, the store is being renovated but will retain "the atmosphere of a country store," according to Barksdale.

Bill is married to the former Julie Chambers.

The building itself is a strong part of Red House's heritage. Its floors and part of the ceiling consist of hand-hewn timbers. During the second world war, the town post office was located in the building, and portions of the post office boxes are still in the storage room. An enormous timber stump also in the storage room was once used for the butcher's block, according to John.

In keeping with the tradition of the country store, Barksdale and Austin plan to carry a complete supply of seed and feed for the area farmers.

The store, which currently has the only gasohol outlet in the area, will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. this winter, and will expand hours when summer arrives.

Pamplin forms VFW

Veterans of Foreign Wars is a National organization made up of many thousands of veterans.

Pamplin Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10487 was organized in August of 1979. Pamplin post is off to a good start, with promises of an excellent future.

We welcome all veterans of Foreign Wars to come and join. Applications can be obtained from any of the post members. Pamplin Post 10487 meets at the Pamplin Fire House the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the Veterans of Foreign Wars shall be fraternal, Patriotic, historical, and educational: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members, to assist worthy comrades, to perpetuate the memory of our dead and to assist their widows and orphans, to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and to help make our community a better community to live in.

The membership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is made up of men who have served their country honorable in overseas engagements for which a campaign badge or medal has been authorized by the U. S. Government. No others may join. There are no honorary memberships.

Veterans join the organization of VFW for many reasons. Listed are a few: first, the dues are cheap, $12.00 per year per member (in those dues is an accidental death policy for all members), to help protect all rights of all veterans; to participate in all community action programs; to help our community to honor the dead by helping the living.

This is an excellent organization for the community and good for the members who make it up. We welcome again all veterans of Foreign Wars to be members of our new post.

Willing Workers celebrate anniversary

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tiful music was rendered by the senior choir.

An unusually large crowd attended the funeral of the late Deacon Jessie Randolph of the White Oak Grove Baptist Church, Phenix, last Saturday at 12 p.m. The Rev. H. J. Hendricks, pastor, delivered the eulogy. The following ministers were present and assisted in the service. Reverends J. D. Moore, R. Q. Lawing, Jr., James H. Franklin and Wyatt Venable. Burial was held in the church cemetery.

The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. and members of his church in New Canton, Va. will run a bus excursion to Turner's Station, Md. the second Sunday in April. There will be several seats vacant and anyone desiring to invite friends are asked to see Mr. L. A. Lawing for information.

Mrs. Ida Elliott is improving nicely at her home after a recent stay in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. "Pike" Randolph and son spent the week end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Randolph and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Fleshman. They attended the funeral of his uncle.

Fidelity American Bank pledges $20,000 to Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Fidelity American Bank, NA has made a pledge of $20,000 toward construction of the new Holiday Lake 4-H Continuing Education Center in Appomattox.

According to Lewis B. Goode, Jr., bank president, $10,000 of the total has already been paid, with the remainder pledged over a period of two years.

The Holiday Lake camp opened in 1941 as a summer camp under the direction of the Virginia Extension Service and the 4-H Clubs as a summer camp for 4-H members. By the 1970s, it was serving over 1,000 children each year, as well as accommodating special training sessions, schools and retreats for adults.

The expanded new facility currently under construction is designed to meet the educational and recreation needs of a 19-county area, and will provide meeting halls, dining and lodging facilities for 400. There will also be tennis courts, stables and an olympic size swimming pool. Cooling and heating for the center will be furnished by solar energy. Plans call for the center to be constructed over the next three years at a cost of approximately $4,000,000.

In announcing Fidelity's contribution, Mr. Goode said, "Our bank is deeply committed to endeavors such as a Holiday Lake 4-H Center that will enrich the quality of life for the people of Central Virginia. When it is completed, Holiday Lake will not only continue to serve as a summer camp for

Fleshman is selected for 'Who's Who'

Willis Fleshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis W. Fleshman of Appomattox, is among 37 Ferrum College students selected for inclusion in the 1979-80 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

The selections to "Who's Who" were based on each student's scholarship, leadership, participation in educational and extracurricular activities and general citizenship.

The "Who's Who" certificates will be presented to the students during an awards assembly on April 30.

Ferrum College is a co-educational United Methodist related institution.

More than 1,500 resident students are enrolled in the college during the 1979-80 academic year. Ferrum is located 35 miles southwest of Roanoke and 25 miles northwest of Martinsville, Virginia.

Ripley named to dean's list

Roma M. Ripley of Buckingham was recently named to the winter quarter dean's list at Radford University.

Ms. Ripley, a senior social work major, is the daughter of Floyd G. Ripley of Rt. 159.

A grade-point average of at least 3.4 must be obtained before being named to the dean's list.

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Procedure Contest set

First-place junior and senior FFA parliamentary procedure teams from each of the five sub-districts of Southside Virginia will compete for the area championship at Randolph-Henry High School, Saturday, March 15.

Parliamentary procedure competition is a FFA leadership training activity. It includes demonstrating ceremonies for opening and closing meetings, and solving a parliamentary problem extemporaneously. Each team is composed of seven FFA members and an advisor.

G. W. Thomas, instructor of agricultural education in the host school, is in charge of local arrangements for the contest.

The Amherst-Appomattox-Campbell Federation will be represented by the William Campbell Sr. and Appomattox Middle teams.

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APPOMATTOX RESIDENTS were entertained Wednesday by a house that moved down the highway. The house-moving tied up traffic for a brief period of time, but motorists didn't seem to mind, as they pulled off the road to watch the cumbersome dwelling pass by, some even offering to help direct traffic. The house was moved from property between Court Street and Route 460 to make room for a new fast-food restaurant. But there was nothing slow about the stururcture's progress down Court Street, as overhead wires had to be lifted to allow the building to pass underneath.

Supervisors nix pre-plans for apartments

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors voted Friday to reject preliminary plans for a proposed 48-unit, federally subsidized apartment complex.

Supervisor Franklin Vaughan moved to reject the plans, in favor of an existing plan to upgrade federally subsidized housing which has been built but is currently unoccupied in Appomattox County.

The board would, under this plan, authorize the Department of Welfare to administer a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section-Eight plan, whereby the county would receive funds to upgrade existing housing for use by low-income families.

The preliminary plans rejected were for the Virden Limited Housing Proposal. This would entail 48 apartment units, available to people with income in the $7000-to-$17,500-yearly range.

The proposed apartment complex would, according to federal guidelines, be available for elderly and handicapped persons.

Watkins Abbitt, appointed by the Board of Supervisors to head the county housing committee, noted that the preliminary plans as presented would not, in his opinion, be suitable for elderly or handicapped persons.

Abbitt said the preliminary plans call for steps eight feet high leading to the apartments.

Vaughan added that the company which would build and administer the apartments, which is located in Boston, would be using low-interest federal money to provide housing which would be in competition with apartment housing already in the county.

"I move that we reject the preliminary plans outright," Vaughan said.

The Board voted to pass that motion, noting that the housing committee's study indicated that the proposed apartment complex would not be suitable for elderly or handicapped persons, and that the county would prefer to activate the existing plan for upgrading housing presently standing within the county.

In a related matter, the supervisors gave Virginia Babcock of the Department of Social Services the go-ahead to pursue a $12,000 grant from the Virginia Housing Authority. The grant would be used to support a person to organize a section-eight plan for upgrading housing for low-income families.

According to Babcock, the county could get as much as $50,000 to $70,000 total in grants to administer and execute a section-eight program. Under the program, property owners who rent their housing to low-income families would have economic incentive-in the form of federal subsidy money to improve the property being rented.

Babcock said a study conducted by her department indicated that in Appomattox County there are currently 16 families without bath or water, nine families with water only, and 18 families with bath and water, but whose housing is in need of repair, and who are presently paying more than 25 percent of their monthly income for rent.

Babcock added that these statistics reflect only the need of the elderly and handicapped on an income of $228 per month.

"We need this money in the county," Babcock said of the federal and state grant funds. "I don't think we're getting our fair share of these funds." She added further that the grants are competitive, and other regions in Central Virginia have applied for the funds.

The supervisors passed a motion authorizing Babcock to send a letter of intent to the Virginia Housing Authority, seeking further information on how to file for the grant.

Board considers carnival idea

Appomattox may have a carnival again this summer, but it will most likely be conducted differently from that held last summer.

At Friday's meeting of the County Board of Supervisors, Carolyn Thompson, representing the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club, requested permission for the club to again sponsor the carnival which came to Appomattox last year.

Thompson said the carnival, known as the "Colonial Show Carnival," would be owned and operated by the same outfit which staged last year's event.

"The owners and operators have been very cooperative," said Thompson. "Last year, there were some problems with some of the workers; the Sheriff's Department made some arrests. But I wrote the Sheriff's Department, and you (Board of Supervisors) afterwards, and those seemed to be the only problems."

Board Chairman, Dr. S. R. Lawson, noted that the main problem he saw was that some children were allowed to gamble.

"If a permit (for the carnival) is issued again, it will be with the stipulation that there be no gambling," Lawson said.

Thompson noted that the merchants in town, when polled, "seemed to feel that they had benefited from the carnival."

She added that the carnival, if allowed, would probably be set up for some time during the latter part of July.

Lawson noted that the county waved a total of $3000 in fees for the six-day carnival last year ($500 a day), and the sponsoring club took in only $1000, "so the carnival came out ahead."

He said that if a permit is granted this year, the daily fee waiver would not be allowed agian.

"I didn't think you (the Junior Woman's Club) got your fair share last year," Lawson continued.

Thompson said she did not believe that the issue would be a hindrance to the carnival, and the board members agreed to consider the request, and ask an opinion regarding county liability from Commonwealth's Attorney Sam Kerr.

In other business, the Board authorized Ruby Williamson to investigate the cost of having one or more county flag made, to fly at the courthouse and possibly various other locations in Appomattox.

The board members also heard a plea for financial aid for the Holiday Lake 4-H Center Project.

Richard Robinson, a member of the Appomattox County fund-raising committee for the project, noted that the Buckingham Board of Supervisors had agreed to donate $10,000 over a four-year period to the project. He said it was revenue-sharing money, and would be issued over a period of four years.

He said Appomattox needs to raise $68,000 for the center, which will be available to a variety of civic, church, and other organizations.

Board members agreed to consider the request and try and help with the funding.

Local unit sponsors cancer tests Sunday

In an effort to help stem the growing tide of cervical cancer cases among women, the Appomattox Unit of the American Cancer Society will sponsor a free Pap test clinic Sunday.

The clinic will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Appomattox Health Department building.

The program is free to women age 20 and over.

Accoording to the American Cancer Society, a 1969 survey of ten major areas in the United States showed that for every 100,000 white women, cancer of the cervix occured in 50, and for every 100,000 black women this type of cancer occured in 89.

Among all women in this country, cervical cancer incidence is second only to breast cancer, but in low-income groups, it is more prevalent than breast cancer.

This year, 12,000 women will die of cervical cancer, according to the ACS. Each year, about 43,000 new cases of the disease are diagnosed.

The Cancer Society defines the high-risk segment of our society as those women with one or more of these characteristics: over age 40, postmenopausal, menstruating over age 45, or hypertensive.

Aiding the local unit of the American Cancer Society in Sunday's clinic will be local doctors, the staff of the health department, and members of the Appomattox Junior Women's Club.

The test itself is simple and painless, according to the Cancer Society. But it is vital in signaling the presence of cancer at a stage when it can be most easily cured.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

I did not talk it over with Dr. Gallop, but I took my own poll of public opinion and found that there is rejoicing that this is the first week of Spring. Songs of Soloman, Chapter 2, verse 12 is appropriate. Appomattox has Spring chores and let us get on with it.

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A year ago on St. Patrick's Day we had a light frost and a morning thermometer reading of 31. I lost an hour Monday morning looking for a green tie to wear in honor of the Irish. Settled for a light green shirt. Then looked for Irish names in the telephone directory. How many Appomattox travelers have been to Ireland? Nearest I have been was St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Once I worked for a few months with a young man just over from Ireland. Fine fellow, but I would never learn his native language. Irish songs are famous. Once I heard the great Irish tenor, John McCormick, My Wild Irish Rose, Where the River Shannon Flows or When Irish Eyes Are Smiling. Natch, my favorite college teams are from Notre Dame. In honor of The Emerald Isle and Spring, I will strive in my garden to develop a Green Thumb.

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Census time is approaching. Surely, Appomattox population will show an increase over the 1970 count. But how much? Anyone care to take a guess as to the exact total of town and county?

One advantage of a rainy day is that if your automobile is parked out in the open, looks like it just came from a carwash.

A major characteristic of most Americans is that we like to be FIRST. At sports events one sees all manner of signs reading "We're No. 1." One of the great discriptions of George Washington was the designation "First in War, First in Peace and First in the Hearts of his countrymen." Over the years so many among us have toiled to make Appomattox No. 1. The dimple on the cheek of nature: We want our church, our home, our club to be the best. No. 1. For a week I have been reading all I could find about another No. 1, Adam. Yes, Adam of Holy Writ, the first man. Much has been said about Adam and most of it is unfavorable. He yielded to temptation. He was disobedient. He deserved punishment. But I find much to commend in Adam. He labored to overcome adversity and accepted the challenge of doing things the hard way and establishing the precedent of perseverance. When he had to work, he worked. When he had to build, he built. When things went wrong, he tried again. His Maker never gave up on him. See I Corinthians 15:45. He left a heritage. Ah yes, when you are No. 1, more is expected of you. That is true, too, of our nation.

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Some years ago while on a Southern trip, I kept a diary. On the way back to Appomattox we passed through a town in North Carolina and I noted that it had a fine furniture factory. I wrote in my diary... Thomasville is a fine town and has a large furniture factory. Wish we had Thomasville in Appomattox." Worked out pretty good, didn't it! Our Thomasville plant is one of our big assets and helps make us No. 1.

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Thanks for reading and seeya.

DIANE LIGHT, A FEATURED DANCE soloist for the New Virginians musical group, practices for her routine here in Appomattox. The New Virginians will be in Appomattox High School Auditorium March 28 at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now.

RICHARD ROBINSON (left), representing the Appomattox County committee to raise funds for the Holiday Lake 4-H Center, received a check for $2,500 from the Westvaco Foundation last week. The check was the first of four installments in a $10,000 pledge from the wood-products company. Shown presenting the check are Joe Collins (center), Virginia woodlands manager for Westvaco, and Jerry Foltz, Eastern Division procurement supervisor. Westvaco owns 135,000 acres of timberlands in Virginia, including land in 13 of the 19 counties to be served by the Holiday Lake 4-H Center.